

Lab

Bacteriology Dept
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Dear Jackie:

Esther and I are finally well settled in, after a whale of a lot of travelling. Esther's just setting up in the lab here, and I've been doing the same over at Burnet's institute, on the other side of the campus. I have been picking up a number of interesting and useful techniques for handling flu virus, including some innovations that would make it practical to do that type of work in our own lab if we were so-minded. One curious notion we're pondering over now is whether there might be some analogy between 'incomplete virus' and protoplasts.

We've had a lot of mail, but nothing on your success in the mutant hunts, etc. No luck?

You will have had our ms. from Porter, and are probably awaiting instructions. The comments of one reviewer were quite useful, and I am returning a corrected manuscript. The changes are almost all stylistic ones, and they do help. The corrected ms. will have to be retyped (use your judgment about any pages, especially the bibliography, that do not have to be revised.) Will you send the retyped version then ~~in~~ back to Porter? I will have written him about this procedure.

Please ask Nancy or Joan to make 2 onion-skin copies. In addition, the corrected version ought to be set up on a ditto stencil, in a single-spaced version, the hectographed copies to be mailed out to the addresses you already have. Use 2d-class air-mail for the foreign addresses. Include also 2 to me, and 1 copy to: C. Weibull, Central Bacteriological Laboratory of Stockholm City, Box 177, Stockholm 1, Sweden.

Hasn't the plastic Petri dish arrived yet?

We're collecting lots of kodachromes, and will save our travelog for return. Melbourne itself is another city.

Keep the home fires burning!

Yours,

Joshua Lederberg